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Re: GE Rome Site

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Subject: PCB Fish Advisory on Alabama side of Coosa

Greetings and FYI,

I followed up on a recent newspaper article regarding the Alabama Dept. of Public Health issuing a new fishing advisory on the Coosa just west of Lake Weiss due to PCBs in fish tissue. The fish advisory was issued on May 10, 2001. My contact is Dr. Neil Sass at ADPH, #334-206-5941.

Dr. Sass sent me a map and list of the monitoring locations. I spoke with him today. The latest advisory was put on station NEE3, located in the Neely Henry Reservoir at Croft Ferry, Alabama Power Reservoir Mile 54. The advisory was a ban on consumption of channel catfish. The monitoring station is located in an oxbow section of the Coosa; samples just upstream and downstream of this oxbow (I'm assuming in a straighter section of the river) did not raise concern. Presumably the PCBs are more easily settled out in the oxbow feature. Incidentally, samples from Lake Weiss were not collected this year. Apparently, it has been a few years since Lake Weiss fish have been sampled.

Dr. Sass attributes the PCBs to the GE-Rome site, although the statement was made only in conversation (i.e., I don't think that ADPH has published this opinion on the source of the PCBs)...there are no other known major sources of PCBs that far east and north in Alabama's portion of the Coosa River.

If you are interested in seeing this map, let me know.

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